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Date: January 14, 2009

RE: I-Bank VR Demand Industrial Dev. Revenue Bond  
Series 2004 (Elite Leather Company, Inc. Project)

Dear Mr. Dunn:

We have selected the debt issuance named above for examination.

The IRS routinely examines municipal debt issuances to determine compliance with Federal tax requirements. Your debt issuance was selected for examination as part of a project initiative involving student loan bonds. The primary purpose of this examination will be to ascertain the compliance of your debt issuance with the Federal tax requirements applicable to student loan bonds. At this time, we have no reason to believe that your debt issuance fails to comply with any of the applicable tax requirements. As always, we reserve the right to expand this examination to any aspect of your debt issuance.

Please review the enclosed Information Document Request and mail all requested documents to the address noted above by **February 15, 2009**. Other items may be requested as the examination proceeds.

If you desire to appoint a representative to act on your behalf, a power of attorney must be filed with the Service in order for the Service to discuss or provide your representative with confidential information. A Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative, or any other properly written power of attorney or authorization may be used for this purpose. Copies of Form 2848 may be obtained from any Internal Revenue Service Office or downloaded at <http://www.irs.gov>.

During this examination the Internal Revenue Service may need to contact third parties. Third parties contacts may include, but are not limited to bond counsel, special tax counsels, employees and trustees, GIC providers and underwriters. We are providing this notification in accordance with section 7602(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, which became effective for third party contacts made after January 18, 1999. If necessary, we will request additional information by submitting information document requests.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to call or write if you have any questions or concerns or are unable to respond to the Information Document Request by the due date.

Sincerely,

  
Tom Chen

Internal Revenue Agent

Enclosures: Publication 1, Form 4564

<b>Form 4564</b>	<b>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Information Document Request</b>	<b>Request Number</b>  <b>1</b>
<b>To: (Name of Taxpayer and Company, Division or Branch)</b>  <b>California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank</b>		<b>Subject: Elite Leather Company Project (\$6,000,000 Rev. Bond, Serious 2004)</b>
		<b>Submitted to: Tara Dunn</b>
		<b>Dates of Previous Requests:</b>

**Description of Documents Requested:**

1. Please provide a copy of any Form 8038 series return filed for this bond issue.
2. Please provide the Arbitrage / Non-Arbitrage or Tax Certificate (or similarly titled document) for this bond issue.
3. Please provide copies of all agreements related to the bond issuances such as investment agreements (swap agreements, GIC agreements, etc.), remarketing agreements, etc., that are not included in the bond transcript.
4. Verification that the proper election was made under IRC section 144(a)(4) to increase the maximum aggregate face amount of the bond issue from \$1 million to \$10 million, prior to the issuance of the bonds.
5. Verification that the Public Approval required by IRC section 147(f) was obtained prior to the issuance of the bonds.
6. The computation showing that the average maturity of the bonds does not exceed 120% of the average reasonably expected economic life of the facilities financed by the bonds, as required by IRC section 147(b).
7. Please provide a copy of any rebate computations prepared to date.
8. Provide a listing of all other tax exempt bonds that the company or any related companies have, either locally or nationally. List the par amounts, dates and outstanding amount of the other bonds.
9. Please provide copies of all substantial lease or sale / leaseback arrangements.
10. Are there any substantial users of the facilities financed by the bonds other than the conduit borrower or related companies? If yes, who are they? If none, so state.
11. Have the bonds been refunded, defeased, called, etc.? If yes, please provide all details.

Information Due By 2/15/09 At Next Appointment ☐ Mail In ☒

<b>FROM</b>	<b>Name and Title of Requestor:</b> <b>Tom Chen , Internal Revenue Agent</b> Phone: (562) 491-7726	<b>Date:</b> <b>Jan. 14, 09</b>
	<b>Office Location:</b> <b>501 W. Ocean Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b> <b>Long Beach, CA 90802</b>	



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12. Please provide income tax returns for the Borrower for the year 2006, including depreciation schedules.
13. Provide a listing of all capital expenditures for the 6 year period of November 18, 2001 through November 18, 2007. The listings should include land, land improvements, bond issuance expenses, feasibility studies, capitalized interest during construction, and equipment. The listings should be reconciled with the forms 4562's from the tax returns, if possible. Include all assets moved in from other localities if purchased within the 6-year period.
14. Please provide a schedule showing a detailed allocation of proceeds.
15. Please provide all trustee account statements. A review of any invoices and requisitions will be required. Please make these documents available at the appointment identified in item 16 below.
16. A tour of the project will be required. Please contact me **within 14 days from the date of this cover letter** to arrange an appointment.

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# Your Rights as a Taxpayer

*The first part of this publication explains some of your most important rights as a taxpayer. The second part explains the examination, appeal, collection, and refund processes. This publication is also available in Spanish.*

## THE IRS MISSION

PROVIDE AMERICA'S  
TAXPAYERS TOP QUALITY  
SERVICE BY HELPING THEM  
UNDERSTAND AND MEET  
THEIR TAX RESPONSIBILITIES  
AND BY APPLYING THE TAX  
LAW WITH INTEGRITY AND  
FAIRNESS TO ALL.

## Declaration of Taxpayer Rights

### I. Protection of Your Rights

IRS employees will explain and protect your rights as a taxpayer throughout your contact with us.

### II. Privacy and Confidentiality

The IRS will not disclose to anyone the information you give us, except as authorized by law. You have the right to know why we are asking you for information, how we will use it, and what happens if you do not provide requested information.

### III. Professional and Courteous Service

If you believe that an IRS employee has not treated you in a professional, fair, and courteous manner, you should tell that employee's supervisor. If the supervisor's response is not satisfactory, you should write to the IRS director for your area or the center where you file your return.

### IV. Representation

You may either represent yourself or, with proper written authorization, have someone else represent you in your place. Your representative must be a person allowed to practice before the IRS, such as an attorney, certified public accountant, or enrolled agent. If you are in an interview and ask to consult such a person, then we must stop and reschedule the interview in most cases.

You can have someone accompany you at an interview. You may make sound recordings of any meetings with our examination, appeal, or collection personnel, provided you tell us in writing 10 days before the meeting.

### V. Payment of Only the Correct Amount of Tax

You are responsible for paying only the correct amount of tax due under the law—no more, no less. If you cannot pay all of your tax when it is due, you may be able to make monthly installment payments.

### VI. Help With Unresolved Tax Problems

The Taxpayer Advocate Service can help you if you have tried unsuccessfully to resolve a problem with the IRS. Your local Taxpayer Advocate can offer you special help if you have a significant hardship as a result of a tax problem. For more information, call toll free 1-877-777-4778 (1-800-829-4059 for TTY/TDD) or write to the Taxpayer Advocate at the IRS office that last contacted you.

### VII. Appeals and Judicial Review

If you disagree with us about the amount of your tax liability or certain collection actions, you have the right to ask the Appeals Office to review your case. You may also ask a court to review your case.

### VIII. Relief From Certain Penalties and Interest

The IRS will waive penalties when allowed by law if you can show you acted reasonably and in good faith or relied on the incorrect advice of an IRS employee. We will waive interest that is the result of certain errors or delays caused by an IRS employee.



# Examinations, Appeals, Collections, and Refunds

## Examinations (Audits)

We accept most taxpayers' returns as filed. If we inquire about your return or select it for examination, it does not suggest that you are dishonest. The inquiry or examination may or may not result in more tax. We may close your case without change; or, you may receive a refund.

The process of selecting a return for examination usually begins in one of two ways. First, we use computer programs to identify returns that may have incorrect amounts. These programs may be based on information returns, such as Forms 1099 and W-2, on studies of past examinations, or on certain issues identified by compliance projects. Second, we use information from outside sources that indicates that a return may have incorrect amounts. These sources may include newspapers, public records, and individuals. If we determine that the information is accurate and reliable, we may use it to select a return for examination.

Publication 556, Examination of Returns, Appeal Rights, and Claims for Refund, explains the rules and procedures that we follow in examinations. The following sections give an overview of how we conduct examinations.

### By Mail

We handle many examinations and inquiries by mail. We will send you a letter with either a request for more information or a reason why we believe a change to your return may be needed. You can respond by mail or you can request a personal interview with an examiner. If you mail us the requested information or provide an explanation, we may or may not agree with you, and we will explain the reasons for any changes. Please do not hesitate to write to us about anything you do not understand.

### By Interview

If we notify you that we will conduct your examination through a personal interview, or you request such an interview, you have the right to ask that the examination take place at a reasonable time and place that is convenient for both you and the IRS. If our examiner proposes any changes to your return, he or she will explain the reasons for the changes. If you do not agree with these changes, you can meet with the examiner's supervisor.

### Repeat Examinations

If we examined your return for the same items in either of the 2 previous years and proposed no change to your tax liability, please contact us as soon as possible so

we can see if we should discontinue the examination.

## Appeals

If you do not agree with the examiner's proposed changes, you can appeal them to the Appeals Office of IRS. Most differences can be settled without expensive and time-consuming court trials. Your appeal rights are explained in detail in both Publication 5, Your Appeal Rights and How To Prepare a Protest If You Don't Agree, and Publication 556, Examination of Returns, Appeal Rights, and Claims for Refund.

If you do not wish to use the Appeals Office or disagree with its findings, you may be able to take your case to the U.S. Tax Court, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, or the U.S. District Court where you live. If you take your case to court, the IRS will have the burden of proving certain facts if you kept adequate records to show your tax liability, cooperated with the IRS, and meet certain other conditions. If the court agrees with you on most issues in your case and finds that our position was largely unjustified, you may be able to recover some of your administrative and litigation costs. You will not be eligible to recover these costs unless you tried to resolve your case administratively, including going through the appeals system, and you gave us the information necessary to resolve the case.

## Collections

Publication 594, The IRS Collection Process, explains your rights and responsibilities regarding payment of federal taxes. It describes:

- What to do when you owe taxes. It describes what to do if you get a tax bill and what to do if you think your bill is wrong. It also covers making installment payments, delaying collection action, and submitting an offer in compromise.
- IRS collection actions. It covers liens, releasing a lien, levies, releasing a levy, seizures and sales, and release of property.

Your collection appeal rights are explained in detail in Publication 1660, Collection Appeal Rights.

### Innocent Spouse Relief

Generally, both you and your spouse are each responsible for paying the full amount of tax, interest, and penalties due on your joint return. However, if you qualify for innocent spouse relief, you may be relieved of part or all of the joint liability. To request relief, you must file Form 8857, Request for Innocent Spouse Relief no later than 2 years after the date

on which the IRS first attempted to collect the tax from you. For example, the two-year period for filing your claim may start if the IRS applies your tax refund from one year to the taxes that you and your spouse owe for another year. For more information on innocent spouse relief, see Publication 971, Innocent Spouse Relief, and Form 8857.

## Potential Third Party Contacts

Generally, the IRS will deal directly with you or your duly authorized representative. However, we sometimes talk with other persons if we need information that you have been unable to provide, or to verify information we have received. If we do contact other persons, such as a neighbor, bank, employer, or employees, we will generally need to tell them limited information, such as your name. The law prohibits us from disclosing any more information than is necessary to obtain or verify the information we are seeking. Our need to contact other persons may continue as long as there is activity in your case. If we do contact other persons, you have a right to request a list of those contacted.

## Refunds

You may file a claim for refund if you think you paid too much tax. You must generally file the claim within 3 years from the date you filed your original return or 2 years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later. The law generally provides for interest on your refund if it is not paid within 45 days of the date you filed your return or claim for refund. Publication 556, Examination of Returns, Appeal Rights, and Claims for Refund, has more information on refunds.

If you were due a refund but you did not file a return, you generally must file your return within 3 years from the date the return was due (including extensions) to get that refund.

## Tax Information

The IRS provides the following sources for forms, publications, and additional information.

- **Tax Questions:** 1-800-829-1040 (1-800-829-4059 for TTY/TDD)
- **Forms and Publications:** 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-829-4059 for TTY/TDD)
- **Internet:** [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)
- **Small Business Ombudsman:** A small business entity can participate in the regulatory process and comment on enforcement actions of IRS by calling 1-888-REG-FAIR.
- **Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration:** You can confidentially report misconduct, waste, fraud, or abuse by an IRS employee by calling 1-800-366-4484 (1-800-877-8339 for TTY/TDD). You can remain anonymous.



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**Department of the Treasury**

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63-0304652

**Re:** Notification of No-Change Determination  
California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank

Dear Ms. Arnold:

We have recently completed our examination of the bond issue named above (the "Bonds"). As a result, we have made a determination to close the examination with no-change to the position that interest received by the beneficial owners of the Bonds is excludable from gross income under section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Please note; if the need arises to open another examination of the Bonds, any change resulting from the future examination may affect all open years of the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in this letter.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Henn  
Manager, Tax-Exempt Bonds  
Field Operations

cc: Carol Lew, Stradling Yocca Carison & Rauth